

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification and Claims 1 and 25 such that the terms "fabric article refreshment composition" and "fabric article refreshment step" are used consistently throughout the present application. Applicants have also amended the Specification for typographical errors.

Applicants have amended Claim 1 better define the term "fabric article refreshment composition" as a composition comprising a component selected from the group consisting of a fabric softener, a perfume, a colorant, and mixtures thereof, in the presence of a lipophilic cleaning fluid. Claims 5 have been amended to distinguish the predominant fluid in step (a) from the lipophilic cleaning fluid in step (c). Additionally, Claims 5, 17-19 and 24-25 have been amended to provide proper dependency. Claims 24 and 25 have been amended for clarity.

Claims 6-10, 11-16, 20-23 and 26-29 have been withdrawn from further consideration.

Applicants have added new claim 30 directed to the predominant fluids. Support can be found on Page 3, lines 24-29.

No new matter has been added by these amendments. Entry is believed to be proper and respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the amendments, Claims 1-5, 17-19, 24-25 and 30 are pending. No additional claims fee is believed due.

OBJECTIONS & REJECTIONRestriction And Election

The Examiner restricts the present claims into 11 groups. In a previous telephone conversation with Mr. Brant Cook, Applicants' representative, on July 11, 2002, a provisional election was made with traverse to prosecute the invention of Group 1, which includes Claims 1-5, 17-20, 24 and 25.

Applicants hereby confirm the election without traverse. Accordingly, Claims 6-10, 11-16, 20-23 and 26-29 are withdrawn from further examination in the present application.

Claim Objection

The Examiner objects to Claims 1-6, 17-20, 24 and 25 for the informality relating to the term "a fabric refreshment composition". The Examiner suggests that Examples 1 and 2 define the term.

Applicants respectfully traverse because the definition suggested by the Examiner would unduly narrow the scope of the invention that Applicants are entitled to.

Applicants submit that the "fabric article refreshment composition" is a composition comprising a component selected from the group consisting of a fabric softener, a perfume, a colorant, and mixtures thereof.

Applicants believe the objection has been overcome. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Further, Applicants point out that Claim 6 is designated Group II, which is directed to a non-elected invention and is presently withdrawn from consideration.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Examiner rejects Claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner considers the fluid of step d is the fluid of step c by definition since the former is "said lipophilic fluid" from the latter.

By the present amendment, Claim 5 clearly distinguishes the predominant fluid of step (a) from the lipophilic cleaning fluid from step (c).

Applicants believe the rejection has been overcome. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner states that Claims 1-6, 17-20, 24 and 25 are allowable if the objection and the rejection are overcome.

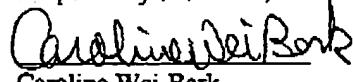
Based on the foregoing, Applicants submit that the objection and rejection have been overcome, thus, Claims 1-5, 17-20, 24 and 25, as well as newly submitted claim 30 are allowable.

Further, Applicants point out that Claim 6 is designated Group II, which is directed to a non-elected invention and is presently withdrawn from consideration.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the above represents a complete response to the Office Action. Withdrawal of objection and rejection, and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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